## News Release

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Notice of Partial Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and Personnel Management

Olympus Corporation (the "Company") hereby announces that the Company has resolved, at the meeting of the Board of Directors held today to propose "the partial amendment to the Articles of Incorporation." to the General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled to be held on June 25 2019. In addition, members of each committee scheduled to be referred to the Board of Directors after the General Meeting of Shareholders will be notified as follows.

## 1. Reason for the Proposal

Based on our vision "Transform Olympus", a corporate transformation plan announced on January 11, 2019, the Company transforms to a company with Nomination Committees, etc. to make faster decision-making on business execution, reinforce corporate governance and further enhance transparency to become a truly global player.

To this end, necessary changes will be made such as addition of provisions for each Committee and Executive Officers, deletion of provisions related to Audit & Supervisory Board and its members. Moreover, alongside with the above-mentioned changes to the Articles of Incorporation, in relation to the separation of the supervision of the management from the execution of operations we will add new provisions (Article 23 and Article 29 of the proposed Articles of Incorporation) which enable the board of directors to release Directors and Executive Officers from liabilities to the extent provided in laws and regulations based on Article 426 of the Companies Act. By this change, we can create an environment in which Directors and Executive Officers can perform their respective expected roles (i.e., supervisory function for Directors and prompt execution of operations for Executive Officers) better, In relation to these amendments, we will also change the numbers of Articles and make other necessary amendments.

We have obtained consent from each of the Audit & Supervisory Board members about the changes of Article 23 and Article 29 of the proposed Articles of Incorporation.

## 2. Changes

Please refer to the exhibit "Contents of the Articles of Incorporation change"

## 3. Schedule

General Meeting of Shareholders on June 25, 2019 (plan)

The amendments to the Articles of Incorporation shall take effect at the conclusion of the General Meeting of Shareholders.

4. Members of each committee in a Company with a Three Committees Board Structure (to be discussed at the Board of Directors after the General Meeting of Shareholders)

The chairman of each committee will be appointed as a highly independent outside director

(1) Nominating Committee

Outside Director	Sumitaka Fujita
Outside Director	Tetsuo Iwamura
Outside Director	Yasumasa Masuda
Outside Director	D.Robert Hale
Director	Yasuo Takeuchi

- (2) Compensation Committee Outside Director
   Outside Director
   Outside Director
   Outside Director
- (3) Audit CommitteeOutside DirectorOutside DirectorOutside DirectorDirectorDirectorDirector

Takayuki Katayama Susumu Kaminaga Yasumasa Masuda Jim C.Beasley

Katsuya Natori Atsushi Iwasaki Michijiro Kikawa Nobuyuki Koga Masashi Shimizu

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Current Articles of Incorporation	Proposed Amendments
Article 1.	Article 1.
⟨ Omitted)	⟨ (Unchanged)
Article 3.	Article 3.
Functional Body)	( <u>Organization</u> )
Article 4.	Article 4.
The Company shall have the following <u>functional bodies</u>	The Company shall have the following organizations in
ther than the general meeting of shareholders and the	addition to the general meeting of shareholders and
Board of Directors.	Directors.
(1) Meeting of the Board of Directors	(1) Board of Directors;
(2) <u>Corporate Auditors</u>	(2) <u>Nominating Committee, Compensation</u>
(3) Board of Corporate Auditors	Committee, and Audit Committee;
(4) Accounting Auditors	(3) Executive Officers; and
	(4) Accounting Auditor
Article 5.	Article 5.
⟨ Omitted)	⟨ (Unchanged)
Article 12.	Article 12.
Convener and Chair <u>man</u> )	(Convener and Chair <u>person</u> )
Article 13.	Article 13.
1. General Meetings of Shareholders shall be	1. <u>A</u> general meeting of shareholders shall be
convened and chaired by the Representative	convened by a director determined in advance by
Director.	the Board of Directors unless otherwise provided
	by laws and regulations. In a case where an
2. In the event that the Representative Director is	accident befalls the director, another director shall
unable to serve as the chair under extraordinary	convene a general meeting of shareholders in the
circumstances, one of the other Directors shall	order determined in advance by the Board of
serve as substitute, in the order determined by	Directors.
the Board of Directors in advance.	
	2. <u>A general meeting of shareholders shall be chaired</u>
	by a director or an executive officer determined in
	advance by the Board of Directors. In a case where
	an accident befalls the director or the executive
	officer, another director or executive officer shall
	chair a general meeting of shareholders in the order
Article 14	determined in advance by the Board of Directors. Article 14.
Article 14.	
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resolution of the board of Directors.	
2. The Board of Directors may, by its resolution, elect	
one (1) Chairman, one (1) President, one (1) Vice-	
	(Deleted)
<ul> <li>(Omitted)</li> <li>Article 19.</li> <li><u>Representative Director and Director With Titles</u>)</li> <li><u>Article 20.</u> <ol> <li><u>1. The Representative Director shall be elected by</u> resolution of the Board of Directors.</li> </ol> </li> <li><u>2. The Board of Directors may, by its resolution, elect</u></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(Unchanged)</li> <li>Article 19.</li> <li>(Deleted)</li> </ul>

(Convocation Notice for Meetings of the Board of	(Convocation Notice for Meetings of the Board of
Directors)	Directors)
Article <u>21</u> .	Article <u>20</u> .
1. A convocation notice shall be sent to each	1. A notice of a meeting of the Board of Directors
Director or Corporate Auditor at least 3 days	shall be dispatched to each director not less than
before any meeting of the Board of Directors;	three (3) days prior to the day of the meeting;
provided, however, that such period may be	provided, however, that such period may be
shortened in case of <u>an</u> emergency.	shortened in case of emergency.
2. <u>The above procedure for convening a meeting of</u>	2. A meeting of the Board of Directors may be <u>held</u>
the Board of Directors may be <u>omitted upon the</u>	without the procedures of convocation if the
unanimous consent of all Directors and Corporate	consent of all directors is obtained.
Auditors.	
Article $\underline{22}$ .	Article $\underline{21}$ .
$\langle Omitted \rangle$	(Unchanged)
Article <u>23</u> .	Article <u>22</u> .
(Remuneration, etc.)	
Article 24.	
Remuneration, bonus and any other asset benefits paid by	
the Company to the Directors for compensation for	
performance of their duties ("Remuneration, etc.") shall be	(Deleted)
determined by resolution of the General Meeting of	
Shareholders.	
(Limitation of Liability Agreements with Directors)	(Liability Exemption for Directors and Liability Limitation
Article <u>25</u> .	<u>Agreement</u> with Directors)
	Article <u>23</u> .
	1. The Company may, by a resolution of the Board of
	Directors, exempt directors (including former
	directors) from their liabilities provided for Article
	423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to the extent
(Newly Established)	of the amount obtained by subtracting the minimum
	liability amount prescribed by laws and regulations
	from the amount for which the directors are liable in a
	case where the requirements prescribed by laws and
	regulations has been satisfied.
(Omitted)	<u>2.</u> (Unchanged)
<u>CHAPTER V.</u> <u>CORPORATE AUDITORS AND THE</u>	(Deleted)
BOARD OF CORPORATE AUDITORS	
(Number of Corporate Auditors)	
Article 26.	
The Company shall have up to four (4) Corporate Auditors.	(Deleted)

(Method of Election)	
Article 27.	
1. Corporate Auditors shall be elected at the General	(Deleted)
Meeting of Shareholders.	
2. Any resolution to elect Corporate Auditors shall	
require the presence of shareholders holding one-	
third (1/3) of the total voting rights of shareholders	(Deleted)
who have rights to exercise the voting rights and a	
majority of the voting rights of the shareholders	
present shall be in favor thereof.	
(Term of Office)	
Article 28.	
1. The term of office of a Corporate Auditor shall	
expire at the conclusion of the Ordinary General	
Meeting of the Shareholders held with respect to	(Deleted)
the last business year ending within four (4) years	
after the election.	
2. The term of office of a Corporate Auditor elected	
to replace a former Corporate Auditor who	
resigned before the completion of his/her duties	(Deleted)
shall be the same as the remaining term of the	
Corporate Auditor who retired from office.	
(Standing Corporate Auditor)	
Article 29.	
Standing Corporate Auditor(s) shall be elected by	(Deleted)
resolution of the Board of Corporate Auditors.	
(Convocation Notice for Meetings of the Board of	
<u>Corporate Auditors)</u>	
Article 30.	
1. A convocation notice shall be sent to each	
Corporate Auditor at least 3 days before any	
meeting of the Board of Corporate Auditors;	(Deleted)
provided, however, that such period may be	
shortened in case of an emergency.	
2. The above procedure for convening a meeting of	
the Board of Corporate Auditors may be omitted	(Deleted)
upon the unanimous consent of all Corporate	
Auditors.	
(Rules of the Board of Corporate Auditors)	
Article 31.	
Any matters concerning the Board of Corporate	
Auditors shall be governed by the Rules of the Board of	
Corporate Auditors, which are prescribed by the Board	(Deleted)
of Corporate Auditors, in addition to any applicable laws	
and regulations and these Articles of Incorporation.	

(Remuneration, etc.)	
Article 32.	
Remuneration, etc., to the Corporate Auditors shall be	
determined by resolution at a General Meeting of	(Deleted)
Shareholders.	
(Auditors and Contractual limitation of Liability)	
Article 33.	
Pursuant to Article 427, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act,	
the Company may enter into contracts with auditors	
limiting the liability for damages of outside auditors in	(Deleted)
connection with their negligence of duties. Maximum	
liability, however, shall be the amount as set forth in	
applicable laws and regulations.	
(Newly Established)	CHAPTER V. Nominating Committee, Compensation
(Itewiy Established)	Committee and Audit Committee
	(Method of Election)
	Article 24.
(Newly Established)	The members of the Nominating Committee, the
(newly Established)	Compensation Committee, and Audit Committee shall be
	appointed from among directors by a resolution of the
	Board of Directors.
	(Regulations of Each Committee)
	Article 25.
	Matters related to each Committee shall be governed by
(Newly Established)	laws and regulations or these Articles of Incorporation as
	well as each Committee Regulations prescribed by the
	Board of Directors.
(Newly Established)	CHAPTER VI. Executive Officer
	(Method of Election)
	Article 26.
(Newly Established)	Executive officers shall be elected by a resolution of the
	Board of Directors.
	(Term of Office)
	Article 27.
	The term of office of executive officers shall continue until
(Newly Established)	the last day of business year ending within one (1) year
	from the time of their election.
	(Representative Executive Officer and Executive Officer
	with Title)
	Article 28.
(Newly Established)	<u>1. Representative Executive Officers shall be</u>
	appointed by a resolution of the Board of
(Itewiy Established)	
	<u>Directors.</u> 2. The Board of Directors may, by its resolution,
(Newly Establish - 1)	
(Newly Established)	appoint Executive Officers with Title.

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	(Liability Exemption for Executive Officers)
	Article 29.
	The Company may, by a resolution of the Board of
	Directors, exempt executive officers (including former
	executive officers) from their liabilities provided for Article
(Newly Established)	423, Paragraph 1 of the Companies Act to the extent of the
	amount obtained by subtracting the minimum liability
	amount prescribed by laws and regulations from the
	amount for which the executive officers are liable in a case
	where the requirements prescribed by laws and regulations
	has been satisfied.
CHAPTER <u>VI.</u> ACCOUNTING AUDITOR <u>S</u>	CHAPTER <u>VII.</u> ACCOUNTING AUDITOR
Article <u>34</u> .	Article <u>30</u> .
(Omitted)	(Unchanged)
Article <u>35</u> .	Article <u>31</u> .
CHAPTER <u>VII.</u> ACCOUNTING	CHAPTER <u>VIII.</u> ACCOUNTING
Article <u>36</u> .	Article <u>32</u> .
	⟨ Unchanged)
Article <u>39</u> .	Article <u>35</u> .

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